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A MAN OF MYSTERY.

Frank Friday Will Tell Nothing of Past Life.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—Frank Friday, who with John Mooney was sentenced to be hanged July 13 for murdering James Hervey March 11, will likely go to the gallows without uttering one syllable that could give the authorities a hint as to what his past career has been.

The couple intended to rob old man Hervey, a rich landowner living in the suburbs, but when a show of resistance was made they shot him as he stood in his library surrounded by the members of his family.

To the police Mooney is well known. Years ago he executed a daring bank robbery in Pittsburg and hid in the waters of the Ohio River, although it was in the month of March, for 12 long hours. Even when sentenced to be hanged he refused to tell his attorney anything about his family.

KANSAS CITY HOTEL ROBBED.

One Man Holds Up the Night Employees and Makes a Valuable Haul.

Kansas City, Mo., (Special).—A fine highwayman entered the corridor of the Coates Hotel, one of the leading hotels here, at 11:30 o'clock P. M., and forcing the strong box of the cigar stand, escaped. The box contained diamonds valued at \$1,300, \$250 in gold, currency and silver, and checks to the amount of \$100. He held the night clerk and another employee of the hotel off at the point of a revolver, and escaped on a horse that he had tied to the curb.

TWENTY-TWO DEAD.

TEN WHITE, TWELVE COLORED MEN VICTIMS OF DISASTER.

CAUSED BY FIRE - DAMP.

Explosion Occurred in Cumcock Coal Mines in North Carolina—The Superintendent Was Among Those Who Lost Their Lives—All Bodies, With One Exception, Recovered.

Raleigh, N. C., (Special).—Twenty-two miners, ten white and twelve negroes, lost their lives in an explosion at Cumcock Coal Mines, Chatham county, N. C. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a broken gauge in a safety lamp.

Forty or fifty men were in the mine at the time.

The accident was in what is known as the East Heading. Five were brought out alive from the East Heading, while none of the men in the other parts of the mine was injured.

Within an hour after the explosion the work of rescue began, and by daylight all the bodies except one, that of Sam McIntyre, had been brought to the top. All the bodies were horribly burned.

The scenes at the entrance to the mine, where many of the widows and children of the dead men were gathered, were heart-rending. The bodies of the victims of the explosion were prepared for burial and the funerals of several took place.

John Connolly, the mine superintendent, came to this State about three years ago from Pittsburg, Pa. He leaves a widow and three children.

The mines are situated at Cumcock, Chatham county, about six miles from Sanford. This mine has been long used as a desultory way, but in 1898 Samuel A. Henzy, of Philadelphia, organized a company and put in modern machinery.

There are two shafts, one a small affair for ventilation, and the other, the main working shaft, is 812 feet, and is considerably more than 500 feet in depth.

In December, 1895, an explosion took place at the same time, in which 43 lives were lost. This explosion was caused by fire damp, though many of those killed on this occasion lost their lives from the resulting explosion of almost 250 pounds of dynamite that was stored in the mines. Two other explosions occurred here many years ago.

POISON IN HER MEDICINE.

An Aged Farmer's Desperate Method of Getting Rid of His Wife.

Hastings, Mich., (Special).—A. R. Smith, of Hope Township, was brought to jail on a charge of attempting to poison his wife. The man is 88 years old, a prosperous farmer, and his wife is 77 years of age. They have been married for half a century, but never lived happily together.

A few years ago he put paris green in her tea, but she discovered it in time to save her life. Then he mixed a poison for himself and drank a large quantity, but it acted as an emetic. Since that time Mrs. Smith has been an invalid and confined to her bed. Smith evidently decided to poison her by degrees. He put arsenic in her medicine, but it failed to work. Then he resorted to paris green again, giving it to her in slight doses. He increased the dose from day to day and finally put in enough of the poison to color the medicine green. A servant girl detected the greenness and called the wife's attention to it.

The wife thereupon complained to a neighbor, and officers were sent to watch the old man, and he was caught in the act of dosing the medicine. When arrested he declined to make any statement and has since refused to yield an explanation. He remains mute and declines even to consult a lawyer.

TWO ARE DEAD.

Instead of a Wedding a Frightful Fight Took Place.

Macon, Ga., (Special).—Word was received here to the effect that a Mr. Gleaton rode out to the home of his sweetheart, a Miss Raines, about eight miles from Cordele, and was accompanied by a friend, intending to have a wedding.

When they arrived at the home of the young lady she joined them, but her father interfered and tried to induce her not to leave him. One word brought on another, and finally a quarrel was on. The young lady's brother rushed up with his pistol and commenced to shoot at Gleaton and Gleaton's friend. Gleaton drew his pistol and shot the young lady's father, killing him instantly. He then shot the brother.

By this time a friend of the Raines family rushed up and tried to stop the trouble, and was himself shot down. Gleaton then drove away, returning to his home, and the young lady went into her house.

Since then the brother has died. The friend of the Raines family is believed to be mortally wounded, and the friend of Gleaton is in a critical condition. The situation at last reports was as follows:

The young lady's brother and father are dead, and the friends of the opposing parties are expected to die.

Consuls Confirmed.

Washington, (Special).—Confirmations by the Senate:

To be consuls—T. Haynes, of South Carolina, at Rouen, France; E. E. Bailey, of Illinois, at Ensenada, Mexico.

NEELY IN JAIL.

Rearrested on a Civil Warrant Issued by Uncle Sam—To Recover a Balance Due.

New York, (Special).—Charles F. W. Neely, former chief financial agent of the postoffice department at Havana, Cuba, was rearrested by a United States marshal. The arrest was made on a warrant issued by United States Circuit Judge Lacombe, in a civil suit against Neely, by the United States. He is charged with the wrongful conversion of \$45,300.26. His bail was fixed at \$50,000. The arrest was made on information furnished by George H. Burton, and the order of arrest was endorsed by Edward K. Jones, special attorney general, and Frederick P. Smith.

The prisoner was taken to the United States marshal's office, and later was arraigned before Judge Lacombe. Counsel for the prisoner made application for a reduction of the bail, but it was denied. Neely was then taken to the Ludlow Street Jail.

Attached to the order is the affidavit of Inspector Burton, who states that on April 24, 1900, he was ordered by Major General Wood to examine accounts and vouchers in the Department of Posts in Cuba. He examined the accounts, and found irregularities that made it necessary for him to visit Neely's office. He saw a Mr. Reynolds in Neely's office, and this man, he asserts, held frequent whispered talks with his superior. After Neely learned his accounts were to be examined he left Havana on the steamship Mexico.

Mr. Burton further alleges that he learned from E. G. Rathbone, director of posts in Cuba, that Neely had gone to the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York. A cable dispatch was sent to Neely to return, but he paid no attention to it.

Continuing, Colonel Burton says: "The duties of the chief of the Bureau of Finances, Charles F. Neely, were to collect all the revenues derived from the postal department of the Island of Cuba, including the sale of stamps, paper, box rents and the fees from the postal money-order business, and to deposit the same to the credit of the director of posts with the treasurer of the Island of Cuba, in Havana. In order to ascertain the amount of said revenues I demanded the cash book, ledger and the entire records of office from January 1 to April 30. Mr. Rich, in the presence of the director of posts, handed me a book which he stated was Mr. Neely's ledger, and also stated that the ledger was all the record that Neely had left pertaining to postal earnings, which statement Mr. Rathbone corroborated. The ledger contained a statement of the receipts for stamps, paper, box rents and some receipts from the fees of the money-order business from January 1, 1900, to April 30, 1900, with the exception of the receipts of the Havana postoffice from March 15, 1900, to April 30, 1900, of which there was no record. I asked Rich if he had in the office any postal earnings not yet deposited, and he answered in the negative, but stated that he had receipts of May 1 and 2, 1900, that he had collected \$5,000 since Neely's departure, which money he produced. Rich also stated that all the moneys received by Neely had been deposited with the treasurer of the Island of Cuba before April 30."

Mr. Burton then goes into details, and shows that the difference between Neely's receipts and deposits was \$45,300.26.

Blaze in Danville.

Danville, Va., (Special).—Fire broke out in the tobacco warehouse and factory district and was got under control only after two of the largest warehouses in the country, two factories and a storage warehouse filled with the bright leaf tobacco were destroyed and upward of 80,000 pounds of valuable tobacco, valued at about \$115,000, and buildings at \$35,000 had either passed to smoke or were ruined.

Several farmers narrowly escaped with their lives.

Followed Friend's Example.

Reading, Pa., (Special).—Ernest A. Behren, aged 35 years, a native of Hanover, Germany, committed suicide by taking poison. He was found in the City Park in a dying condition and expired before reaching a hospital. Behren was a friend of Theodore Koib, a German musician and composer, who also committed suicide a week ago by taking poison.

Many Lives Lost.

Chicago, Ill., (Special).—A special from Victoria, B. C. says:

The steamer Kinshin, which left Yokohama May 7, brings the latest advices of a catastrophe on the Chinese coast in which 140 lives were lost. A Chinese steamer was wrecked, the disaster being due to the overcrowding of the vessel.

Planing Mill Burned.

Petersburg, Va., (Special).—The planing mill on Market street, owned and operated by Mrs. Fannie Clark since the death of her husband several years ago, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$7,000. Insurance, about \$5,000.

CROWDS AT PASSION PLAY.

Rehearsed With Great Realism at Oberammergau.

Oberammergau, Bavaria, (By Cable).—A dress rehearsal of the Passion Play was attended by 4,000 persons, many Americans being present.

The tragedy of the Crucifixion was never before so realistically represented. It was an all-day performance, with Biblical tableaux of the scenes preceding the Crucifixion.

WILL BUY ISLANDS.

STATE DEPARTMENT WANTS DANISH WEST INDIES.

TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

Officials in Washington Tell Why Other Propositions Fell Through—King of Denmark Was Apprised of the Plan Made by Private Parties to Get the Territory.

Washington, (Special).—One of the most important results of the exposure and suppression of the schemes for the purchase of the Danish West Indies through private persons and syndicates is that the United States Government will shortly make to Denmark a proposition for the purchase of the islands, the negotiations to be solely between Secretary Hay and the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs. It was ascertained from official sources that the United States will take the initiative on the suggestion of King Christian of Denmark, and will endeavor to have an appropriation at this session of Congress for the purchase.

Another important development of the recent transactions is that it has been demonstrated to the King of Denmark that he was the victim of conspirators acting in concert in this country and Denmark desiring to utilize the sale for private gain.

Information to this effect, there is every reason to believe, has been transmitted to the King of Denmark by this Government as explanatory of the failure of Congress to make an appropriation for the purchase of the islands, which was regarded by the King as a condition precedent to official negotiations. The State Department learned some time ago that there was a ring in the Danish Legation Office which actually gave to Captain Christmas and his assistant manipulators an option on the sale of the islands. Officials here say that this is possible without the knowledge of the King, and would explain why the Danish Minister at Washington has taken no part in the negotiations. Any representations of doubts as to the propriety of the business methods of Captain Christmas and his agents which might be sent to Denmark by the Minister here would never get beyond the very Foreign Office through Captain Christmas.

The Danish Foreign Office officials in the deal, for instance, could represent to the King that the news from America as to a prospective sale at \$3,500,000 or \$4,000,000 was mere newspaper talk, and that, as a matter of fact, the negotiations were proceeding on the basis of the value of the islands as determined by the King. This basis, it is learned, was much less than \$3,500,000.

Officials here say that it is likely that the King was willing to close out the transaction for say \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, which would have left a margin of speculation of \$1,500,000 for the Standard Oil Company's Christmas syndicate. It is believed that the King was always given to understand that the margin of profit of the sale of the islands would be too small to permit of any speculations. Officials here now also admit the probability that the schemes of Christmas were largely aided by the Standard Oil influence, which is particularly potent on Denmark and which has establishments worth millions of dollars in Denmark and in the Danish Antilles.

That the King of Denmark has been made aware of the crooked work recently in progress is conclusively demonstrated to the State Department by the fact that Minister Stevenson, the American representative at Copenhagen, has advised the department that the King is now willing to renew the negotiations on the basis of a concrete proposition from Secretary of State Hay.

The State Department is in possession of the report of Mr. White, Secretary of the London Embassy, of the valuation placed on the islands by the King. Mr. White having gone to Copenhagen for this information at the request of the State Department.

The new situation will, therefore, take shape in a short time by the introduction of a bill in the House appropriating a special sum for the purchase of the islands.

WOMAN SHOT WHITTINGTON.

He Had Beaten Mrs. McKenna With a Club.

Memphis, Tenn., (Special).—Three men—Edward Whittington, Dennis Brogan and Thomas Coleman—said to be coal miners from West Virginia, entered the lunch-house of T. F. McKenna, at the corner of Adams and Front streets, and became involved in a quarrel with the porter.

McKenna and his wife interfered and Mrs. McKenna was badly beaten with a club in the hands of Whittington. She ran behind a counter and procuring a revolver, shot Whittington through the back of the neck, killing him instantly.

Brogan then advanced menacingly toward her and received a bullet in the face, which the physicians say will prove fatal. Coleman escaped without injury. Mrs. McKenna is in jail.

ROUTED INSURGENTS.

American Scouts, Ambushed by Filipinos, Put Them to Flight.

Manila, (By Cable).—Fifty hundred insurgents, half of whom were armed with rifles, ambushed 80 scouts of the Fortieth Volunteer Infantry in the hills near Aquasana, in the northern part of Mindanao.

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ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

During the first two weeks of July next the Shah of Persia is to make a tour through England and Scotland, visiting London.

William Jennings Bryan is fond of books and has a good-sized general library, but he cares little for art, and rarely visits a picture gallery.

Rev. George C. Lorimer, pastor of Tremont Temple Baptist Church, of Boston, and for many years a leading Baptist clergyman of Chicago, has been invited to accept the presidency of the Columbian University, of Washington.

A lady named Alexander has been appointed and confirmed postmaster of Elizabethton, Carter county, Tenn. The word "postmaster" is used advisedly, for the Government does not officially recognize such a title as postmistress.

William J. Bryan, Congressman Williams, of Illinois, and Richard Yates, who has been nominated for Governor by the Illinois Republicans, were all in the same class in the old Illinois College.

French papers are indignant because a representative of the Paris Matin, after going all the way to St. Helena to interview Croze and his fellow prisoners, was not even permitted to land, but was ordered to take his vessel out of the harbor.

President Eliot, of Harvard, is a good horseman and frequently spends a part of his vacations in riding through New England. When at such times he passes a country schoolhouse he never fails to dismount and visit it if the school is in session.

Admiral Sampson is much annoyed by requests for autographs. Though these are not so numerous as they were after the war they still average some fifty a week.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

In the British House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain introduced the Australian Commonwealth bill. He said a bill would also be introduced in the House of Lords providing for appointment of a representative each of Canada, South Africa, Australia and India, to be members of the Privy Council, and who would act as lords of appeal.

The recent speech of Emperor Francis Joseph in which he declared an entente with Russia on the subject of Oriental questions necessary, is severely criticised in German political circles.

There were twenty-three cases of the bubonic plague at Port Said, of which thirteen were fatal.

Two Chinamen, condemned to death for the murder of Missionary Brooks in China, bought two substitutes, who suffered the death penalty in their place.

The London Daily Graphic correspondent sends a pathetic picture of the desolation in famine-stricken India.

Ambassador Choate was the guest of honor at the Fishmongers' dinner in London and made a witty speech.

The Boxers are reported to have murdered a number of native Christians near Tien Tsin.

Young Girls as Mail Carriers.

Ripley, W. Va., (Special).—Miss Dora Wolfe, a girl of sixteen, was sworn in as mail carrier here. She is the daughter of C. P. Wolfe, a hiveryman, and her duties will be to carry the mail on horseback between here and Sandyville, one trip each way, daily. She will have two bags of letters each way, and goes armed and ready for intruders. She has frequently carried the mail on this route when the former mail carrier was indisposed.

Hanged for Killing His Sweetheart.

Allentown, Pa., (Special).—Frank J. Krause was hanged in the county jail for the murder of his sweetheart, Maggie Guth, at Cedarville, on March 3, 1899, on which occasion he also fatally wounded Owen Kern. Krause was hostler in a hotel kept by Kern, and the girl was employed as a servant.

NOTE TO PORTE.

Griscom Again Probes Sick Man of the East—Not an Ultimatum.

Constantinople, (By Cable).—The United States Legation having vainly waited four weeks for a reply to the note of April 24, regarding the American indemnity claims, Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, United States Charge d'Affaires, handed to Tewfik Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, a new note, couched in more precise terms and insisting upon a prompt settlement.

The note produced a great impression, as the Porte thought the matter postponed, if not abandoned. It is believed that the United States will not wait so long this time for an answer. American indulgence thus far not having made a satisfactory impression upon the Porte.

Not Denied in Washington.

Washington, (Special).—Beyond the statement that the department is still earnestly prosecuting the indemnity claims against the Turkish government the officials of the State Department decline to indicate the character of the last instructions sent to Charge Griscom in relation to these claims.

It is certainly not an ultimatum, but it is believed to be as strong in its representations as a diplomatic note could be made without actually becoming an ultimatum. It is probable that before taking this step the President might call upon Congress, the war-making power, for an indication of its wish in the matter, so as to ensure full support in the execution of any policy which he may feel called upon to adopt.

The fact that this last note to Mr. Griscom was cabled the very day that Ahmed Pasha landed in New York, reputedly clothed with some mission in connection with these missionary claims, has given rise to a belief here that the United States government will not give its sanction to any such compromise of the claims as has been suggested.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

Returning officers and men on the transport Thomas, from Manila, say the prospect of an early settlement of the war is not reassuring.

Robert B. Cramer, first lieutenant of the Thirty-fourth Regiment, in the Philippines, was sentenced to dismissal, after a court-martial trial.

Filipinos who attempted to burn hay stored on the river front at Manila were fired upon by the guards and one of them killed.

The War Department has made public the schedule of the revised Cuban tariff, to go into effect on June 15.

A proclamation purporting to have been issued by Aguinaldo was circulated in Manila urging the Filipinos not to surrender their arms at the request of the American commission, as the commission was appointed by President McKinley without the authorization of Congress.

Another charge against Neely is that he has defrauded the customs department out of several thousand dollars' worth of duties by importing nominally for postal use large quantities of paper, which was subsequently sold to a large printing house in Havana.

There has been considerable fighting on the island of Samar, Philippines. Seven hundred insurgents attacked the Forty-third Infantry; only three Americans were wounded, and over two hundred Filipinos were killed.

W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of Cuba, has made a confession and given up \$4,500 given him by Neely. It is said that his confession was the only link required in the chain of evidence.

William H. Hunt, of Montana, was nominated by President McKinley for secretary of state for the Island of Porto Rico.